

FIVE YEARS OLD---

This issue of The Menace marks our fifth anniversary. Since April 15, 1911, The Menace has been through some hard battles and is yet ready for any emergency which may arise in the conflict between American freedom and Romish despotism. To those who by their loyal support and unswerving allegiance to the cause have made long strides toward the overthrow of popery possible, we wish to extend our congratulations. To you men and women of the Firing Line the successes that have come to the movement are due. We hope to find you in the front ranks every day of the new year or until Rome is routed. Let us make this year memorable for its successes in the fight we are waging against political Rome. Two million subs before the fall elections will do the work.

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Rome Conspires to Force Us Into Mexico!

A Most Astounding Plot Formed in the United States to Re-establish the Roman Catholic Church in Power in Mexico—An Attempt to Plunge this Nation Into War in Order to Gratify the Ambitions of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy Here and in Bleeding Mexico

Honorable Woodrow Wilson,
President of the United States.

Your Excellency being charged as Chief Executive of the United States with the responsibility of enforcing the laws of the nation, we deem it our duty to lay before you information which, if true, touches and concerns our country's welfare in a most vital and dangerous way.

We are informed and believe that the Roman Catholic hierarchy is now and has been for more than one year last passed actively engaged within the terri-

This petition has been presented by Gilbert O. Nations, Vice-President of The Free Press Defense League, to President Wilson, and copies have also been placed in the hands of every member of Congress, and United States Senators.

the home of Enrique Fernandez Castello, St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana, an organization was formed, known as "The Mexican Peace Assembly Movement," with branches in Los Angeles and San Diego, California; Albuquerque and Columbus, New Mexico; Nogales and Phoenix, Arizona; El Paso, Laredo, Brownsville, Galveston and San Antonio, Texas; New Orleans, La.; Mobile, Alabama; Tampa, Florida; Washington, D. C.; New York City and Baltimore, Md.

We are informed and believe that these branches were established, and men named to be in charge of each; that Fernandez Somellera was named to be in charge of the movement in New York City; Ismael Zuniga was appointed to Washington; Federico Gamboa was given charge over the branches in New Orleans and San Antonio, Texas.

We are informed and believe that "The Mexican Peace Assembly Movement," hereinbefore referred to, had, at the time of its organization, TWENTY THOUSAND ARMED, ORGANIZED AND OFFICERED MEN IN BANDS OF FROM EIGHT HUNDRED TO TWO THOUSAND, consisting of both cavalry and infantry; that these forces were located in various parts of the Republic of Mexico ready to participate in the revolution the moment the hierarchy gave the word; that these bands, at the direction of the conspirators, are now engaged in revolt against the Government of Mexico.

We are informed and believe that after the meeting hereinbefore referred to, where it is claimed the Mexican Peace Assembly Movement was organized, fifty-one men, whose names are in our possession, met in the City of New Orleans, and signed a petition addressed to General Felix Diaz, Hotel Aberdeen, New York City, urging him to head a counter revolution in the Republic of Mexico, and promising among other things, the following: "Behind you we will put all the resources of those parties with which we are united."

We are informed and believe that after this petition was sent to General Felix Diaz, he went to the City of New Orleans and there conferred with the conspirators who signed the petition to him, and on February 16, 1916, the said General Felix Diaz, after conferring with the conspirators aforementioned, secretly left the City of New Orleans, and went to Tampa, Florida, thence going by boat to Tierra, Colorado, State of Vera Cruz, in the Republic of Mexico, and there started the revolution which had been planned against President Carranza.

We are informed and believe that Francisco Beltram, Jr., was sent twice from the City of New Orleans, Louisiana, to Agua Prieta, Republic of Mexico, since January 1st, 1916, to confer with Francisco Villa, the unspeakable bandit and murderer, in an effort to induce said Francisco Villa to commit such acts of violence against citizens of the United States of America as would compel intervention by the United States; and we sincerely believe that the raid by Francisco Villa and his murderous band on Columbus, New Mexico, was the outcome of conferences which said Francisco Beltram, Jr., had with the said Villa.

We are informed and believe that the revolutionary plotters have deliberately set out to plunge this nation into war with the Republic of Mexico, by arousing enmity between the people of the sister re-

public, and to this end have had their agents and representatives along the border between the United States and Mexico manufacture and send out to the people of the United States, deliberate and wilful lies in regard to what was taking place across the border in the Republic of Mexico, and also sending false and lying statements into the Republic of Mexico as to what was taking place among the people of the United States of America.

Your petitioner is further informed and believes that Cardinal James Gibbons, hereinbefore referred to, lately sent James Selvin, of the University of Santa Barbara, California, as his representative to the pope of Rome; that said Selvin's mission is to inform Pope Benedict of the progress that has been made by the Roman Catholic hierarchy in re-establishing the power of the Roman Catholic hierarchy in the Republic of Mexico, and to receive from the pope such aid and counsel in regard to said matters as he may be able to give.

We are informed and believe that the said Archbishop Mora, hereinbefore named, has taken up his residence for the time being at San Antonio, Texas, and from that city is engaged in directing various activities of the plotters against the peace of this republic, and that of Mexico.

We are informed and believe that the said Bishop Castellanos of Campeche, now has his headquarters in the City of New Orleans, Louisiana, where his duties are to secure funds and to look after the secret work of the Roman Catholic hierarchy in the new revolution.

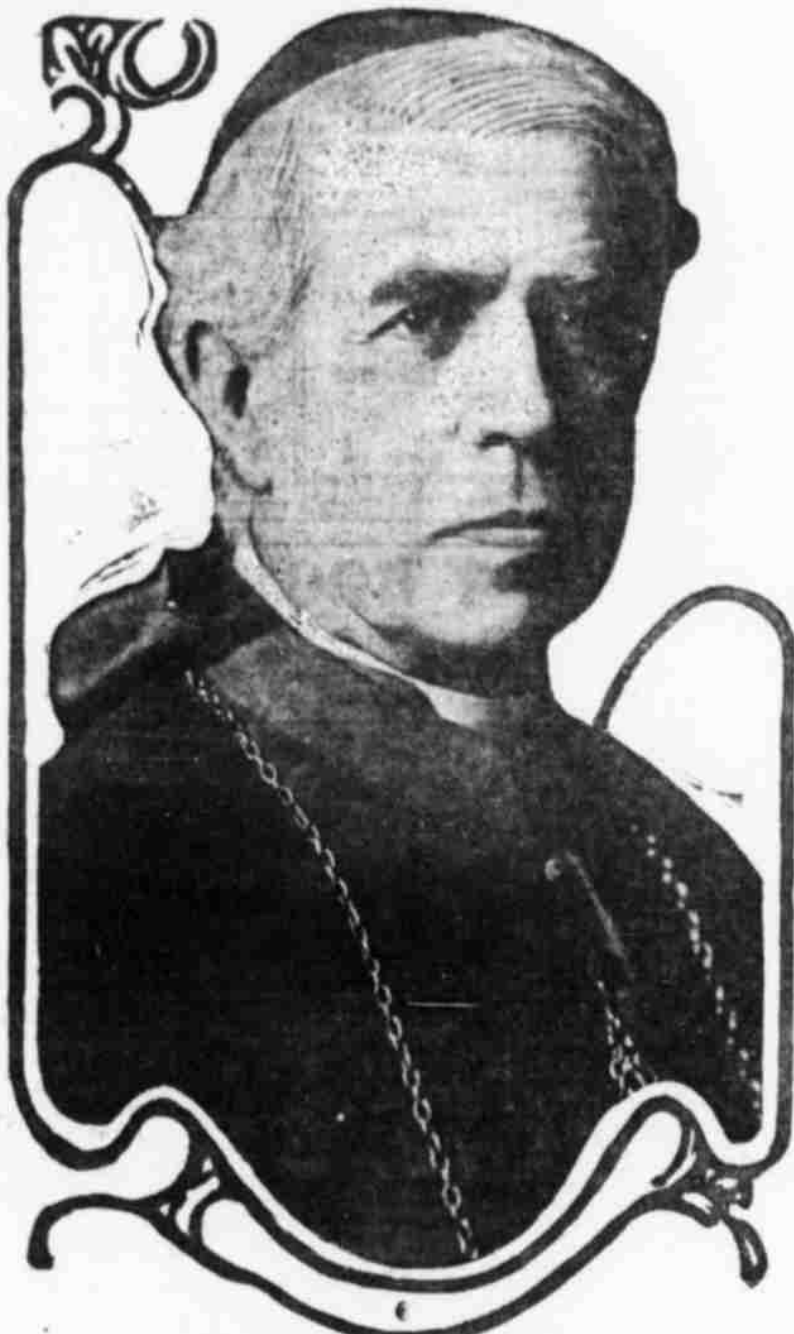
Your petitioner respectfully represents and shows that if such conspiracy against the people of the United States of America and of the Republic of Mexico exists, as herein mentioned, that all of those guilty of such conspiracy are liable to punishment for violation of Section 13 of the Criminal Code of the United States which reads as follows:

Section 13. "Whoever, within the territory or jurisdiction of the United States, begins, or sets on foot, or provides or prepares the means for, any military expedition or enterprise, to be carried on from thence against the territory or dominions of any foreign prince or state, or of any colony, district, or people, with whom the United States is at peace, shall be fined not more than three thousand dollars and imprisoned not more than three years."

Your petitioner is informed and believes that the fact that the Republic of Mexico, which has been drenched with the blood of its people in one revolution after another for several years last passed, is due almost entirely to the plots and intrigues of the Roman Catholic hierarchy in the attempt to re-instate the Roman Catholic church in civil and political power in said republic. And if this be true, your petitioner respectfully represents that it will be a monstrous crime for this powerful Christian nation to allow itself to be driven into the slaughter of the innocent people of Mexico who desire only peace and friendship with us.

WHEREFORE, your petitioner prays that an immediate impartial and searching investigation be made to ascertain the truth of all matters herein referred to, and if it be found that such a conspiracy exists, all who are guilty thereof be promptly and vigorously prosecuted regardless of rank or station.

THE FREE PRESS DEFENSE LEAGUE.
By its Vice-President and Director of its United States Capitol Bureau, Gilbert O. Nations.



ARCHBISHOP JOSE MARIA MORA Y DEL RIO
of Mexico, Head of the Catholic Church and the Clerical Party in Mexico, who is now in the United States.

tory of the United States fomenting and inciting revolution in the Republic of Mexico, and attempting to bring about a state of war between the Republic of Mexico and the United States of America.

We are informed and believe that the conspirators desire the intervention of the United States of America in the affairs of the Republic of Mexico in order that the Roman Catholic church may remain the political and civil power in said Republic of Mexico from which it was driven by the reform laws of said republic.

We are informed and believe that secret meetings of these conspirators have been held in various cities of the United States, to-wit: New York City, Baltimore, Maryland; Washington, D. C.; San Antonio, Texas and New Orleans, Louisiana.

We are informed and believe that Archbishop Jose Maria Mora y del Rio of Mexico City and Bishop Castellanos of the State of Campeche of the Republic of Mexico, have been put forward by the hierarchy as the ostensible leaders of these plotters against the peace and tranquility of the United States of America and the Republic of Mexico.

We are informed and believe that these two men had a conference in the City of New Orleans, Louisiana, with Cardinal James Gibbons of Baltimore, Maryland, and that within a few days thereafter at



JAMES CARDINAL GIBBONS
Senior Roman Catholic Cardinal of the Hierarchy in the United States.